

## South End Neighborhood Community Exploration

### GOALS:

1. Deepen the members' understanding of the historical, political and social forces that have shaped Boston
2. Acquaint members with neighborhoods in the City of Boston
3. Expand members' thinking about what they don't know about Boston, and excite them about learning more this summer
4. Create an opportunity for members to share their knowledge about the city

Your team will begin from City Year Boston and take the Orange Line down to the Mass Ave. train station. Walk down to the corner of Columbus and Mass Ave and you have arrived at your first destination.

#### ❑ **Harriet Tubman House**

Walk up towards City Year until you reach your next destination:

#### ❑ **Harriet Tubman Monument**

From there you will take a right onto the side street right before the monument. You will be walking away from Copley towards Tremont Street. Right on the corner of Tremont and West Newton Street is your third stop.

#### ❑ **Jorge Hernandez Cultural Center**

From there you will walk down West Newton until you get to the corner of West Newton and Shawmut Ave. Take a left and walk down to the next set of lights. You will find your fourth stop, the organization IBA.

- ❑ **Inquilinos Borricuas en Accion.** Find out the significance of the Villa Victoria Housing Development.

You will then walk up Shawmut until it meets Dartmouth and take a right onto Dartmouth Street. Walk up to the next intersection and across the street you will see the fifth destination.

#### ❑ **Cathedral Church**

From there you will cross the street and visit the

❑ **Cathedral Housing Development**

The next stop will be the Blackstone School across from the development. You want to find out who was Blackstone and how does he relate to that area. Then go and walk down the street towards the two parks and find out their significance in this community.

**Think About:**

1. What are the major issues impacting this community?
2. How has it changed in twenty years?
3. How would you describe the make up of this community?
4. What is urban renewal and how has it impacted the South End?
5. Why is the Villa Victoria Housing Development so significant?

**GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

1. What is its historical significance to the Boston and the South End community?
2. How long has this landmark been around?
3. Describe any special meanings that most people won't know about this destination
4. Who lives in this community? What is the ethnic culture here?
5. What languages are spoken in this area?
6. What are some major social issues that impact this community?
7. What's the general physical condition of this area? clean, dirty, etc?
8. Does anything stand out about this area that you will remember the most?
9. Who are the City Councilor Reps. for this area?
10. What was your overall impression of this community?
11. Where is the boundary line for this neighborhood located?
12. Would you live in this area if you had a choice?